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The following documents are attached:

1. WO 2004/075638 A1 and an English-language translation of the specification and claims. Applicants note that the international publication date of September 10, 2004 was after Applicants' filing date. Applicants also note that the apparent international filing date of February 25, 2003, was less than one year prior to Applicants' filing date. Applicants do not admit that WO 2004/075638 A1 is prior art and do not admit that WO 2004/075638 A1 is enabling for the invention it purports to describe.
2. WO 02/074094, cited in the International Search Report for WO 2004/075638 A1, and CA 2 440 824 A1. Applicants do not have a translation of WO 02/074094, but CA 2 440 824 A1 appears to be the corresponding Canadian application and is in English.
3. EP 1 078 574 A1, cited in the International Search Report for WO 2004/075638 A1. Applicants do not have an English-language translation of this publication.
4. DE 3814173 A1, cited in the International Search Report for WO 2004/075638 A1. Applicants do not have an English-language translation of this publication.
5. U.S. 5,024,041, cited in the International Search Report for WO 2004/075638.

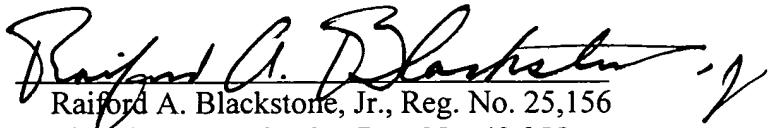
Applicants note that the other United States patents cited in the International Search Report for WO 2004/075638 A1 were previously submitted to the Office in an Information Disclosure Statement on November 12, 2004.

Should the Examiner believe a fee is required, the United States Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized and requested to charge the fee to the deposit account of the undersigned firm, Account No. 20-1495.

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